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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SUHARTO ON INDONESIAN OVERTURE
TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES

REF: JAKARTA 7846

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1. FOLLOWING REGULAR GOI CABINET MEETING AUGUST 6,
INFORMATIO

MINISTER MASHURI TOLD PRESS THAT PRESIDENT
SUHARTO HAD STATED AT MEETING THAT RECENT MISSION TO
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HEADED BY FONMIN MALIK WAS NOT
AIMED AT CHANGING THE DIRECTION OF INDONESIA, FOREIGN
POLICY. MASHURI REPEATED PREVIOUSLY STATED GOI POSITION
(REFTEL) THAT INDONESIA NOW CAPABLE OF ACCEPTING FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE ON HARDER TERMS THAN PREVIOUSLY AND THAT
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MISSION TOSOCIALIST COUNTRIES UNDERTAKEN IN THIS

CONTEXT. MASHURI ADDED THAT LOANS ARE PARTICULARLY
NEEDED TO ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTIVE SECTOR OF
INDONESIAN ECONOMY TO SATISY DOMESTIC NEEDS DURING PERIOD
OF SECOND DEVELOPMENT PLAN. END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. COMMENTS:

A. WE INTERPRET SUHARTO STATEMENT AS DELIBERATELY
INTENDED TO COUNTER SPECULATION THAT GOI MOVES
TOWARD INCREASED ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN
STATES MOTIVATED PRIMARILY BY POLITICAL FACTORS AND THAT GOI
CONSIDERING MOVING TOWARD CLOSER ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNIST
STATES AND LEFT-WING OF "NON-ALIGNED" MOVEMENT.

B. STATEMENT ALSO INTERESTING AS FURTHER INDICATION
THAT GOI, AND PRESIDENT SUHARTO IN PARTICULAR, CONTINUES
IN BELIEF THAT INDONESIA STILL NEEDS SIGNIFICANT AND EVEN
INCREASING INPUTS OF FOREIGN CAPITAL ASSISTANCE DURING
SECOND PELITA DESPITE OIL REVENUES AND GROWING FOREIGN
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